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## COUNTY ATTORNEY EXPLAINS HOW HE STANDS

EDITOR OF THE GARDEN ISLAND: Comments have been made both publicly and privately, condemning the action of the County Attorney of this County, as incompetent, in handling the case of the fourteen Kekaha Japanese, charged with murder in the first degree, for killing one Masa, an alleged spy.

I can only assume, that such prejudiced comments have arisen from ignorance of the true fact pertaining to the discharge of the defendants. The public seizing only upon rumors and garbled assertions, condemns one who was faithfully and conscientiously performing his public duty, and his conduct freely commented upon and condemned, as incompetent, before a fair investigation of the truth is made, so that a just condemnation can be questioned of the conduct of a public servant.

From reliable sources, I have gathered the following facts, from which the public may inwardly digest and render its condemnation or approval.

During the November term 1911, session of the Circuit Court, Masa, the alleged spy, was murdered at Kekaha; the Sheriff and Mr. Doyle, the Court interpreter went to the scene of the murder and arrested the fourteen Japanese, alleged to have murdered Masa, together with two Japanese boys as witnesses; the grand jury was recalled and indicted them upon three separate indictments, for the crime of murder in the first degree. They were arraigned and postponed to the March term, 1912.

At the March term, a special attorney, Mr. W. T. Rawlins was appointed and commissioned by the Attorney General to prosecute all criminal cases at said term, and under his guidance, the fourteen defendants were re-indicted for murder in the first degree; the prosecuting attorney claiming that all those participating in the riot, aiding, encouraging and abetting, were guilty of the murder of Masa. A new indictment was found, and the defendants were re-arrested and charged for the crime similar to that of the indictments of November, 1911 to which indictments however, they were discharged or nolle prosequi entered.

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## STEWART DROWNED

Lum Tai, the popular stewart on the W. G. Hall, was drowned on the Ahukini beach at 8 o'clock this morning while attempting to secure shell fish. A surf was running and it is supposed that Lum Tai missed his footing and slipped in. His calls for aid were heard but before it could reach the unfortunate man, life had been beaten out.

Sheriff Rice was notified and with the aid of his men, succeeded in recovering the body after several hours had elapsed.

The drowned man was 36 years of age and leaves a widow and infant son. The remains will probably be sent to Honolulu by the Hall this afternoon.

## MRS. GEO. GAY DIES

A cable bearing news of the death of Mrs. George Gay, of Coronado, California, was received by Hon. Francis Gay last week. Miss Ethel Gay, daughter of the deceased, and who has been the house guest of the Gays for sometime, was prostrated with grief, and left for her home last Saturday, accompanied by Mr. Sinclair Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Knudsen also accompanied her as far as Honolulu.

Paul Schmidt, one of Honolulu's crack bowlers, and Hackfeld & Co's popular dry goods drummer, is again shaking hands with our Kauai merchants.

## RIVALS BOB UP IN KAPAA PINES' PROJECT

It is rumored that the concern behind the Kapaa pineapple cannery is to have a rival in the person of Col. Z. Spalding, who, it is said, will also make a bid on the lease of land which the governor has agreed to have put up at auction in favor of the newly organized company.

Luttet, the promoter of the concern, is now on the coast for the purpose of financing the affair. On a recent trip to Kauai, Mr. Luttet entered into signed contracts with many of the Kapaa homesteaders to grow pines for the projected company for a period of ten years, at a price of \$2.50 per year less than the prevailing Honolulu prices, claiming that this amount would about offset the cost of shipping. He further agrees to give the growers Honolulu prices, delivered at Nawiliwili as soon as the wharf is completed and direct shipping connections are established between the island and the coast. It is understood that Mr. Spalding will be able to make even better terms with the growers in case he gets the lease on the four hundred acres under consideration. This land is a tract upon which Luttet's Company secured an option for the purpose of growing pines in sufficient quantities to supply their factory until the homesteaders could do so. The contract between Luttet's Company is said to contain a clause whereby the homesteaders will be compelled to grow pines for a period of ten years, and any failure to live up to this agreement, will give the Company the right to take possession of the land and cultivate it in pines until the expiration of the ten year lease. This contract is by many, thought to be not an altogether satisfactory one to the best interests of the homesteader.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN.

Yesterday morning, the tinkle of the school bells throughout the island, told the thousands of boys and girls, that Easter vacation had terminated and hence was to be considered in the past tense. Saturday and Sunday found teachers and children hurrying homeward from pleasant visits among jolly friends. Many enjoyable parties and dances were gotten up for the entertainment of our pretty school mams who most heartily appreciated the thoughtfulness of their friends. The teachers enjoyed every minute of their vacation and returned to their daily tasks with a buoyancy and renewed energy which naturally follows in the wake of a happily spent vacation.

## HANALEI GRADE OPEN

The Hanalei hill grade which has been under the course of construction for the past few months, has been thrown open to traffic, and though rather rough in spots, will soon be put in first-class shape. The view of the broad Hanalei valley with its mountain background from various points on this grade, beggars description and is well worth a trip from the coast to see.

## C. W. GROTE BADLY HURT

C. W. Grote, a Luna on the Lihue Plantation met with an extremely painful accident last Saturday morning while attempting to make a coupling with a cane car. His right hip in some manner came in contact with the car, which struck with such force as to fracture the hip bone. Mr. Grote was conveyed to his home on a locomotive and medical aid was summoned at once.

The accident, while necessarily a most painful one, is not so serious but what the patient will be able to be about again with two or three months.

## HAVE YOU READ THE NEW ADS?

## KAUAI WINS-FREAR AND KUHIO WIN ALSO

A wireless received this morning announced the following results at the election of delegates in Honolulu last night.

### Taft (Frear) League Ticket.

Temporary and permanent chairman—W. W. Harris, Oahu.

Temporary and permanent secretary—Chas. Wilcox, Maui.

Delegates to National convention—W. F. Frear, J. K. Kalaniana'ole, Geo. F. Ren-ton, Oahu; John T. Moir, Hawaii; Harry H. Baldwin, Maui; Charles A. Rice, Kauai.

Alternates—Dr. W. T. Monsarrat, A. Q. Marcellino, John H. Wise, Oahu; Carl S. Carlsmith, Hawaii; Charles Wilcox, Maui; J. H. Coney, Kauai.

## PROMINENT WOMAN DIES

Mrs. Elizabeth Hart, a prominent and highly respected part Hawaiian woman and a resident of Waimea for many years, died at her home in Waimea at three o'clock Saturday morning, April 13, death resulting from pneumonia. Mrs. Hart had been slightly ailing for the past week, but was considerably improved when pneumonia developed. She was possessed with a spirit of great kindness and the announcement of her passing away, cast a shadow over the entire community.

The following children who survive her have our sympathy in their profound grief: Wm. Hart, Waimea; Isaac Hart, Koloa; Mrs. Oliver Robinson, Waimea; Mrs. Eva McClellan, Waimea; Mrs. Brandt, Koloa; Mrs. Lena Vida, Honolulu.

Funeral services were held at the Catholic church at one o'clock Father Hermann officiating. The large number of mourners which followed the remains to its last resting place, was silent testimony of the esteem in which the deceased was held by the community.

## LIHUE'S TOWN SITE

The Lihue Plantation is harvesting the cane from the land which is to become a part of the town site of Lihue, and within a comparatively short time, what is now a cane field will be leveled down, surveyed and mapped out into beautiful town resident lots. The removal of the stone fence along the front of these lots may be undertaken within a few days.

## MRS. MAHOE PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Mahoe, 72 years old, a Hawaiian woman, universally loved, and wife of a former pastor of Koloa, died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Pimoku in Koloa last Tuesday, April 9th., death being due to heart failure. Though Mrs. Mahoe had been ailing for some time, her sudden passing away came as a shock to her relatives and friends. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Rev. Kaulili officiating, interment taking place in the Koloa cemetery.

Deceased was one of the few noted missionaries who are left of the many who devoted their lives to the cause of christianity. Her husband's work in the mission field included twelve years of service in the Gilbert Islands prior to taking up his residence in Koloa. Mrs. Mahoe was a woman endowed with a christian spirit which shed its influence wherever she went, and to know her, was to love her.

Two of her children, Mr. B. Mahoe and Mrs. Pimoku are residents of Kauai, the latter living in Koloa, and the former in Homestead.

Manager J. A. Hogg of the Kauai Garage, and who had been on a business trip to the City, returned Friday morning.

## HORSE AND RIDER PLUNGE OVER PRECIPICE

A drunk, a horse and a dangerous cliff furnished a combination which caused considerable excitement last Sunday along the Hanamaulu beach just below the Hanamaulu bridge. The rider evidently spurred the horse over the precipice thinking in his drunken stupor, that he had reached a trail which was in the immediate vicinity. The result was that the rider received a knock out, the horse took a tumble and parts of the cliff became so rattled that it faintly and fell to the ocean's edge where it might recuperate after being "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep."

After making several vaults in the air, rider and horse separated, both striking hard pan a little ways apart, and bringing up so abruptly that the rider was momentarily stunned. A party who had been an eye witness to the spectacular affair, went to the rescue and soon succeeded in getting them free from their perilous predicament. Neither were hurt at all and after being straightened out of the difficulty, went on their way rejoicing.

MORAL: If you wish to ride over a dangerous precipice without fear of getting hurt, get a bun on.

## LOSING GOOD CITIZEN

Our fellow townsman, Arthur Rice, of whom there are none more popular, and who has filled with efficiency, the responsible position of County Treasurer for a number of years, leaves for Honolulu on the first, where he will become identified as a member of the Jas F. Morgan Co., one of the most reliable real estate and brokerage houses in the Territory.

Aside from the loss of one of our best citizens, the sporting element will especially feel crippled, since Mr. Rice has been for years a recognized leader in everything from tennis to polo. He is a member of the famous Kauai polo team, Captain of the Lihue baseball team, and authority on horse racing. Arthur is certainly a live wire and will be sadly missed in the sporting field. However, much as his multitude of friends would seek to retain him, they most heartily unite with THE GARDEN ISLAND in wishing him unbounded success in his new field.

The departure of Mrs. Rice from Lihue's social circle, in which she is a decided favorite, will be delayed for some time.

## GOOD ROAD WORK

From Haena to Waimea, road work is progressing in a way which gives unmistakable evidence that those in charge, thoroughly understand their business. To take a trip over our excellent roads and observe the business-like methods employed in their construction, and then to read of the difficulties other islands are having in their efforts to secure good roads, produces a satisfaction which is experienced only by those possessing a feeling of absolute confidence in the men who are responsible for such conditions.

## MEETS DEATH UNDER ENGINE

Schkelo, a Russian who had been seen around Makaweli for the last few days, apparently seeking work, and whose presence attracted but little attention, committed suicide Sunday morning by throwing himself in front of a locomotive, waiting until the locomotive was within a few feet of him before taking the final leap. His body was an almost unrecognizable mass when gathered up. Sheriff Rice was notified and hastened to the scene, where on arriving, orders were issued for an inquest, which was held Sunday afternoon.

C. B. Makee, of Hanalei has added a bit of attraction to his otherwise very pretty residence by screening in his lanai with brand new awing

## ERS ON HAPPY JAUNT

In Principals, Messrs. Brown and Morse of the Waimea and Hanapepe schools respectively, Kauai can boast of two most skillful mountain climbers. Never do these enthusiasts permit a tramping opportunity to escape them. Their last experience included a hike last Friday up a mountain which shoots its shaft no less than 3,000 feet almost perpendicularly into the air. They came out "on top" and in speaking of their interesting trip, one of the hikers said:

"The task of reaching the summit of the mountain was greater than we had anticipated, but the feeling that once on top, the wonderful view would reward us for the attempt 'to get there,' was sufficient to keep up our spirits. On reaching our goal, we found the scenery even beyond our expectations. Old Mother earth seemed to have out done herself in arranging one of the most gorgeous vistas we had ever seen. Near by, and directly above the main Hanapepe water falls, were to be seen six other falls, leaping from dizzy heights and disappearing among matted foliage and rocks hundreds of feet below. The wonderful background made up of every shade of green and the snowwhite streaks of water sparkling in the sun light, on its mad plunge, had the appearance of so many streaks of silver. Mountain climbing is such an extremely interesting past time that it is astonishing to know that people care so little about it. Kauai has some of the grandest mountain scenery in the world and I intend to see as much of it as possible while here."

## LOCAL MAN IS FORTUNATE

J. B. Keightley, engineer for the Loan Fund Commission, has received a letter from the Chinese Government, offering him a place in the Engineer's Department of the new Republic. Mr. Keightley explained to a reporter that the offer came through his brother who is a captain in the British Navy. Asked if he intended to accept the position, Mr. Keightley stated that he very likely would upon Mr. Moragne's return from the coast.

Judging from the communication, the position is an excellent one, the salary exceeding anything that is paid in the department in the Territory, and allows "four servants and a commodious residence completely furnished."

## SUCCESSFUL SMALL FARMING

The advocates of small farming have in C. B. Makee of Hanalei, evidence which bears out their contention "small farming will pay." Mr. Makee is carrying on experiments which bid fair to revolutionize the small farming industry. He is of the opinion that pines will do as well if not even better in Hanalei than in Hilo and is preparing to add an experimental patch to satisfy himself on this point. He is successfully growing about every vegetable on the list and is making ready a large tract of land for the growing of alfalfa, having experimented sufficiently to feel sure of a large yield.

## AGED JAPANESE DIES

Police officers at Kapaa discovered an aged Japanese wondering about last Sunday night, and after a brief examination learned that he was also very ill. Sheriff Rice was communicated with, and an order was issued to bring the Japanese to the Lihue hospital. This was done, but exposure and sickness had done its part so thoroughly that the poor old soul passed away early Monday morning. He was buried in the Japanese cemetery yesterday afternoon.

Charlie Wilcox, manager of the Koloa Sugar Co., came in on the Hall Friday morning.

## FIENDISH ATTACK ON BLIND GIRL AT KEALIA

Though totally blind, pretty little seventeen-year-old Omachi Suehiro, daughter of a mill worker on the Kealia Plantation, bravely and successfully battled for her life last Monday afternoon against a fiendish, cowardly brute who had evidently awaited the opportunity of finding her alone to carry out his dastardly crime. The victim of the assault is a member of a large family, and has been blind from infancy but regardless of this misfortune, she has been able to do considerable work about the house, including the family washing etc., and the physical strength gained through such exercises, gave her the required strength to hold her own against the attack of last Monday.

To a reporter Miss Suehiro told the following story: "I was in the small wash house behind the house about two o'clock in the afternoon, when before I knew what was happening, I was grabbed from behind. I could not see who my assailant was but when he spoke, I recognized him as a Korean. I struggled with all my might to get free, and he said if I made any noise he would kill me with a knife. I was badly frightened, and did not know what to do, but kept fighting until I got away from him. I ran as fast as I could and managed to reach the front lanai, where he again grabbed me and shoved me into the room and shut the door. He again grabbed me and while I could not see, I was so familiar with the room that I found little trouble in working toward the door as we struggled. Luckily the door had not been fastened, and yielded to the pressure of my body against it. Finding myself again on the lanai, I ran down the steps and sought the protection of my dog which was tied in the yard near by. My calls for help had been heard by a Portuguese boy who came up just as I reached my dog, and the Korean seeing that he had been discovered left me and ran away. Had it not been for my dog, and the Portuguese boy, I am sure he would have killed me, for my strength was all gone and further resistance on my part would have been impossible."

The Portuguese boy to whom the girl referred is a son of Mr. Teves, and to a reporter, stated that he was up a mango tree near by and hearing the disturbance hastened down and over to the Japanese house to see what the matter was. On reaching the yard fence, he saw the girl near the dog and a Korean leaving the premises.

The affair was immediately reported to the police who lost no time in taking up the trail of the would-be-murderer. Close watch of the Korean quarters was kept, and, according to reports, about midnight, someone from the Korean quarters notified the police that a certain man was acting suspicious, that he was packing his grip, evidently expecting to leave the camp. With this as a cue, the police waited developments. Shortly after the information had been received, the Korean sallied forth, but was taken in before he had gone far. He was brought before Judge Puuki next day, and bound over to await the deliberations of the next grand jury. The man gave his name as Pok Chan Olk. He has been on the plantation for a year or so and bears the reputation as a gambler and all round undesirable citizen.

## KAUAI CHURCHES MEET

The semi-annual Association of the Kauai churches will convene in Lihue beginning Wednesday, April 17, probably remaining in session for three days. Each church will be represented by its minister and a lay delegate. The Hawaiian board will be represented by Rev. W. B. Oleson, of Honolulu, while representatives from the Japanese and Chinese branches will also be in attendance.